

# Candidates

## FOR VICE PRESIDENT (ELECT THREE)

### Edward Kodet, FAIA

*Edward Kodet, FAIA, is founder of Kodet Architectural Group Ltd., a 20-person Minneapolis firm. He has served on university faculties, in community organizations, and in AIA leadership positions. His experience includes:*

#### National AIA

- North Central States Regional Director
- Regent, American Architectural Foundation
- Chair, Gold Medal and Firm Advisory Jury
- Chair, Licensing Committee
- Regional Director, Interfaith Forum on Religion, Art, and Architecture (IFRAA)
- Committee on Competency-Based Intern Development (C-IDP)
- Committee on Design PIA
- AIA Octagon Committee.

#### AIA Minnesota

- AIA Minnesota President
- Chair, Government Affairs Committee.

#### AIA Minneapolis

- Chapter President.

#### Academic

- Adjunct Associate Professor, University of Minnesota, College of Architecture
- Adjunct Associate Professor, University of St. Thomas, Department of Art History (St. Paul).

As a faculty member and leader in an award-winning design firm, I believe the future lies in the AIA's programs. Students, associates, professors, practitioners, components, and our members must commit to a quality built environment.

Other professions may feel they can provide more and bet-

ter services than the architect. I feel architects can and should lead the construction industry. The Institute can foster programs that empower architects to be leaders.

A more proactive and powerful AIA can emerge if we address:

**Economics:** The AIA must be more responsive to members regarding financial management and provide programs to enable members and firms to be successful. I will foster economic planning and accountability as a key priority.

**Education:** The AIM and Boyer reports indicate our profession requires lifelong learning. As Vice President, I would promote relationships with the academy, professional education providers, and PIAs to enhance our educational resources.

**Engagement:** Architects must engage clients, elected officials, the media, and the public to advance the value of architecture. We must assist members in addressing the design, economic, and technological challenges facing society. Let us carefully weigh the benefits and costs of all future programs, such as the advertising campaign.

Let us look to the future and strive to be inclusive, by enhancing opportunities for students, interns, associates, women, and minorities. The Institute must also address the needs of associates, educators, practitioners, public architects, those in alternative careers, and all members through targeted membership programs and benefits.

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